

KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

JUNE BOARD NOTES

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COMMENTS FROM DAVID KAREM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR

BOARD APPROVES RESOLUTION RE-AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 1 AND KENTUCKY CORE ACADEMIC STANDARDS

At its June 5 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution reiterating its support of Senate Bill 1 (2009), the Kentucky Core Academic Standards and a commitment to the goal of college/career-readiness



for all Kentucky high school graduates. Board members expressed that they wanted to make sure that it is clear the board is not backing away from these new, rigorous and internationally benchmarked academic standards that were adopted to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 1.

The board commended lawmakers for the Senate Bill 1 legislation and emphasized that hundreds of Kentucky teachers and education professionals had a part in developing the standards through the state-led Common Core State Standards initiative. That effort, led by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers, resulted in new standards in English/language arts and mathematics that align with the requirements of Senate Bill 1 and are focused on the skills students need for success in college and career.

Moreover, the board noted that in a joint meeting in 2010, the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Education Professional Standards Board and the Kentucky Board of Education adopted the Common Core State Standards without dissent as the Kentucky Core Academic Standards. For the past two years, Kentucky teachers have taught the new English/language arts and mathematics standards in Kentucky classrooms.

A full text of the resolution follows:

Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 1 (2009) by the Kentucky Board of Education

Whereas, The Kentucky Board of Education, pursuant to KRS 158.645, and charged with the responsibility to do so, has for many years established minimum standards for academic achievement that prepare students for college or a career; and

Whereas, During the 2009 legislative session, outstanding collaboration occurred between the General Assembly, Governor Steven L. Beshear, the Commissioner of Education, the Kentucky Board of Education, and other education partners resulting in the adoption of Senate Bill 1; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 1 requires the creation of new, rigorous, and internationally benchmarked academic standards using input from teachers, postsecondary faculty, and other education partners with consideration of nationally-developed standards where available; and

Whereas, Over three hundred and forty teachers and education professionals participated in discussions and negotiations to revise Kentucky's academic standards; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 1 requires the Kentucky Board of Education to consider standards that have been adopted by national content advisory groups and professional education consortia; and

Whereas, After the passage of Senate Bill 1, the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers produced evidence-based Common Core State Standards that align with college and career expectations, consider international benchmarks, focus on the capacities needed for college and career success, clearly communicate expectations to teachers, parents, students, and citizens, and follow the mandates of Senate Bill 1; and

Whereas, The Kentucky Board of Education, the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Education Professionals Standards Board jointly adopted these Common Core Standards, known in Kentucky as the Kentucky Core Academic Standards, in February 2010, and in so doing continued decades of support to provide Kentucky's students with critical knowledge and higher order thinking skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education declares its continued support of Senate Bill 1 and the Kentucky Core Academic Standards and their vital role in ensuring that every student graduates college- and career-ready.

APPROVAL GIVEN TO NEXT-GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS

At its June 5, 2013 regular meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education unanimously approved the Next-Generation Science Standards. These standards have been under development for two years and meet the requirements for new standards mandated by Senate Bill 1 (2009). They provide for deeper understanding of content and application.

Two drafts were released for public comment, one in May 2012 and the other in January 2013. The final release of the science standards occurred in April 2013.

Kentucky was one of 26 states that partnered in developing the Next-Generation Science Standards as part of a collaborative, state-led process. About 40 Kentuckians including P-12 science teachers, state science and policy staff, higher education faculty, scientists and engineers were involved.

At the June 5 meeting during the public comment segment, representatives of Kentucky's Paleontological Society, Kentuckians for Science Education, Climate Parents, science educators and parents expressed their support of the new standards and urged the board to approve them. Sheila Anderson, parent and grandparent, presented the board with a petition with over 3,600 signatures in support of the Next-Generation Science Standards.

The science standards will now go through a public hearing process and then move on to the legislative committee review process. Leadership networks will be launched in September 2013 to implement the new standards with the actual assessment of the science standards beginning in the 2014-15 school year.

For more information on the Next-Generation Science Standards, contact Felicia Smith at (502) 564-9850 or via e-mail at Felicia.smith@education.ky.gov.

BOARD APPROVES FOUR DISTRICTS OF INNOVATION

As part of the June meeting, four school districts were approved as <u>Districts of Innovation</u> (Agenda Item XVII.) out of the 16 that applied. Through their applications, the districts are seeking waivers from specific regulations that may stand in the way of innovative practices and programs to increase student achievement and college/career-readiness for all students. Not all of the waivers requested by the four districts were approved.

The districts designated as Districts of Innovation were: Danville Independent, Eminence Independent, Jefferson County and Taylor County.

The next step is for the districts to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Kentucky Department of Education to lay out what the department's and the district's responsibilities are during the five-year designation period. Progress will be reviewed annually.

For more information on the Districts of Innovation, contact David Cook at (502) 564-4201 or via e-mail at david.cook@education.ky.gov.

2013 TELL KENTUCKY SURVEY RESULTS PUBLICLY RELEASED

Ann Maddock, Senior Advisor at the New Teacher Center, shared the results of the <u>2013 TELL Kentucky Survey</u> with the Kentucky Board of Education. It is a survey of working conditions with the goal of using the data to improve student learning. Highlights of her comments were:

- The survey was administered March 4-29 with educators being able to access it 24 hours a day.
- The same questions were used as in 2011, plus one additional question on whether the 2011 TELL results were used as a tool for school improvement.

- More educators took the survey (86.7% in 2013; 80.3% in 2011).
- Educators reported (a) more agreement in the areas of Instructional Practices and Supports, School Leadership and School Councils; (b) more teacher engagement in decision making processes and (c) the highest increase in agreement with items related to Time, although it was the lowest area on the survey.
- Only two questions declined in agreement from 2011 to 2013 and both are related to technology.
- Improvements in key areas assessed by the TELL Survey validate efforts made by state leaders to use the data since 2011. These areas include: Time, Instructional Practices and Support, Community Engagement and Support, Managing Student Conduct and Leadership.

For questions on the TELL Survey, contact Felicia Smith at (502) 564-9850 or via e-mail at Felicia.smith@education.ky.gov.





Pictured, left to right, are Commissioner Terry Holliday, Joseph W. Kelly, Award Recipient James Allen and KBE Chair David Karem.

The 13th annual Joseph W. Kelly Award was presented to businessman Jim Allen, chairman and CEO of Hilliard Lyons, a regional investment firm based in Louisville. The award is given to business people who offer outstanding leadership and service toward promoting school improvement and equitable educational opportunities for all Kentucky children.

Allen serves as chairman of the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation. In a letter nominating him for the award, Jefferson County Superintendent Dr. Donna Hargens wrote, "Since assuming this role three years ago, Mr. Allen has worked to ensure that all Foundation initiatives align with the JCPS (Jefferson County Public Schools) goal of becoming the country's best urban school district and that they offer clear and measurable benefits to our students."

Among the programs developed under Allen's direction are:

- ACT Now a program focused on helping high school juniors and seniors attending targeted schools to increase their ACT scores
- Ford Fund's Next Generational Learning an initiative focused on increasing community involvement opportunities to strengthen academic offerings at the middle and high school levels
- Every 1 Reads a program focused on mobilizing community volunteers who work with students who are not reading at grade level

In addition to support for education, Allen is engaged in a number of other civic affairs. He serves as the chairman-elect of the Louisville Fund for the Arts, immediate past chairman of the YMCA of Greater Louisville and chairman of the Louisville Downtown Development Corporation.

The Joseph W. Kelly Award was created in honor of Joseph W. Kelly, a respected businessman and chair of the Kentucky Board of Education from 1991 to 1998. Kelly's efforts and expertise were crucial to the implementation and nurturing of Kentucky's school improvement efforts.

For questions on the Joseph W. Kelly Award, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via e-mail at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE JUNE 5 MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the April 10, 2013 Kentucky Board of Education meeting
- New district facility plans for Bourbon, Breathitt, Calloway, Christian, Elliott, Fulton, Grayson, Jefferson, Lee, Menifee, Muhlenberg, Pendleton, Perry, Rockcastle, Whitley, Wolfe and Woodford County School Districts and Campbellsville, Corbin, Harlan, Ludlow, Newport, Southgate and Williamsburg Independent School Districts
- 2012 Report, 2012 Exceptions and 2014 Plan as required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual inservice training of district board members
- Notification to Jacqueline Hopkins, Augusta Independent Board Member, that her name will be submitted to the Attorney General unless her board training hours are completed immediately
- Submission of William Shockney's name, Southgate Independent Board Member, to the Attorney General for not completing his required board training hours for the second year in a row
- 2014 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses
- Request for Waiver of 702 KAR 3:300, Section 2, from Perry County for Technology Lease
- KETS FY2014 Unmet Need for LEAs

- KETS Expenditure Plan
- Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 4:160, Capital Construction Process
- Certification of all submitted non-public schools
- Re-appointment of David McFadden to the State Textbook Commission
- 704 KAR 3:035, Annual Professional Development Plan (Second Reading)
- 2013-14 Preschool Funding Process and Funding Rates
- Appointment of the Nominating Committee to bring a slate of officers to the August KBE meeting (Jay Parrent, chair; Trevor Bonnstetter; Nawanna Privett and Bill Twyman)

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- 2012-2014 Biennial Budget Update
- Status Update on State Management in Breathitt County and Monticello Independent
- KHSAA Annual Reporting Requirements as required by 702 KAR 7:065
- Hearing Officer's Report
- 704 KAR 3:390, Extended School Services (First Reading)
- KDE Employment Reports (Both for CTE and all KDE Offices)
- Board Member Sharing
- Litigation Report

KBE MEETING DATES

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August 7-8, 2013	KBE Retreat meeting & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 8, 2013	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 4, 2013	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For questions on meeting dates, contact Mary Ann Miller at 502-564-3141 or via e-mail at Mary Ann. Miller@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the June 5, 2013, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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